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SUBJ: GREEK-TURKISH PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON ISTANBUL ROUND
FIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PRESS COMMUNIQUE RELEASED
SEPTEMBER 12 FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE ISTANBUL ROUND
OF GREEK-TURKISH FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) NEGOTIATIONS:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE TURKISH AND GREEK DELEGATIONS OF EXPERTS, HEADED
RESPECTIVELY BY MR. YUKSEL SOYLEMEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ANKARA AND BY AMBASSADOR DENIS CARAYANNIS,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ATHENS HAVE CONTINUED THEIR
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DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING OUTSTANDING ISSUES RELATING TO

AEGEAN AIR SPACE, BETWEEN 8-11 SEPTEMBER 1975 AT
TARABYA, ISTANBUL.

THE TWO HEADS OF DELEGATION REMAINED IN
CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER DURING THE INTERVENING PERIOD AND
HAVE ONCE PRIVATELY MET BEFORE THIS ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

THE THREE DAYS EXPERTS MEETING IN ISTANBUL WAS
CHARACTERIZED BY MORE PROGRESS IN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND
FRANK, CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS ON THE QUESTIONS
OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE, AND
THE CLOSE COOPERATION OF RELEVANT AVIATION AUTHORITIES,
IN ORDER TO RESTORE AND ENSURE THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF
AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AEGEAN.

THIS MEETING HAS CONTRIBUTED FURTHER TO REDUCE
OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN EXAMINED IN DEPTH.
A NEW SET OF PROPOSALS WERE PUT FORTH AT THIS ROUND OF
MEETINGS, WHICH WILL BE STUDIED WITH PRIORITY.

THE TWO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS HAVE ALSO VISITED
ANKARA AND MADE HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS AT THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH PROVED TO BE VERY USEFUL.

BOTH SIDES DECIDED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT
AND CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER. THE TWO DELEGATIONS
CONVINCED OF THE USEFULNESS OF THESE CONTACTS, HAVE ALSO
DECIDED THAT THE FOURTH ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS SHOULD TAKE
PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN GREECE, IN ORDER TO
REMOVE THE REMAINING ISSUES CONCERNING THE USE OF
AEGEAN AIR SPACE.

END TEXT.

2. EMBOFF WILL MEET WITH SOYLEMEZ SEPTEMBER 15 FOR A
READOUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
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